

THE OCALA BANNER.

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

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Japan is really spoiling for a fight with Russia.

Hon. Frank Clark is a pronounced candidate for congress in the second district.

If you want to succeed on the farm aim high, and pull the trigger before you get wobbly.

The Lake City Reporter in the very blackest language it can use is calling a spade a spade.

When politicians throw qualification and fitness to the winds what can the people expect of them?

Washington is said to have gone circus crazy. That is only one of its mild afflictions in the absence of congress.

It takes \$22,000 of Columbian money to buy \$1 in New York exchange. The U. S. is a pretty good country after all.

The adjournment of the legislature does not bring regrets from any source. Even the members seem to be glad to have done with it.

The estate of the late Richard Henry Stoddard is valued at only \$2,000. The man whose mind runs to letters rarely runs to dollars.

It is noticeable that applicants for public office are always very strenuous in their efforts to get a place, and once they get it they are equally strenuous in their efforts to get the salary increased.

It is enough to nauseate the soul of a Florida razorback to read the articles written by men receiving ten thousand dollars a year on "How to Save Money on a Salary of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars a Year."

Who will be the De Lesseps to dig a canal between Silver Spring and Blue Spring and thereby connect the waters of the Atlantic and the Mexico sea? The task is an easy one. The distance is only twenty five miles.

His majesty, the Czar of Russia, has acted for all the world like the Florida legislature. He has expelled Richard Harding Davis from his dominions because the unfortunate young man was a little too free with his pen.

An exchange wants to know who will attend to Editor Harry McCreary's grave yard if he should go to congress? With our telegraph, long distance telephone and "wireless" systems he ought to be able to look after it from Washington.

Thomas E. Watson, the gifted statesman and historian, has written a history of the "Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson." It will appear serially in the Atlanta Constitution and will be read with eager interest by the admirers of the great man and the great paper.

Is it a fact that ex-Chief Justice Ben Liddon will contest with Bob Davis for the governorship next year? We have seen such a statement in several of the state papers but have seen nothing from Judge Liddon about the matter.—Madison New Enterprise.

William Randolph Hearst looks good to us. His record is good his motives are above suspicion, he demonstrates a high order of ability by great success in his chosen business career, and his democratic simplicity and genuine American instincts are beyond question. If any democrat can be elected, he can.—Daytona Gazette-News.

IS IT DEMOCRACY?

From the Dannelmoe Advocate.

It is said on good authority, in fact the best, that Governor Jennings will not appoint a man to fill the unexpired term of E. P. Thagard. He will ask the County Democratic Executive Committee to call a primary to decide the matter and should the committee refuse to call a primary for such purpose then, in that event, his excellency will see about the matter. It is said that the governor may decline, in any event, to appoint either of the present candidates.—Ocala Star.

We don't know where the Star gets its authority, but as it is "the best," we presume it is from headquarters, and if it is true, the governor should take down his sign as a democratic governor and have himself addressed as Czar Jennings. In ignoring the action of the county executive committee, Governor Jennings sets aside all party law and precedent and takes the matter entirely into his own hands. It is clearly without his province, and only presumption on his part to ask the committee to call a primary when they have already acted in the premises. The primary was never intended to be used in such cases, and there is no provision in the act by which the governor can ask it or the committee can call an election to fill out an unexpired term of an office.

Section 1 of Chap. 5014, Laws of Florida, says:

"That whenever the state executive or standing committee of any political party in this state, shall decide to take by primary election the sense of the members of said party as to the proper persons to be made delegates to any convention to be held for the purpose of that party, or to take the sense of the members of said party as to their choice for United States senator, or as to the proper person or persons to be presented on behalf of that party to the voters of the state congressional district or county as the case may be, at any election to be held in the several counties under the laws of this state, at least thirty [30] days' notice shall be given, etc.

Section 13, same act says:

"That the executive or standing committee, when they are petitioned by a majority of the qualified electors of the same party the committee belongs to, shall call and cause to be held a primary election as provided for in this act.

There is absolutely no provision made for the holding of a primary except to elect delegates to a convention, express the party choice for United States Senator and to select candidates to be voted for at a general election. Governor Jennings has it in his power to refuse to appoint either of the candidates before the last meeting of the executive committee, but should he do so, he would not only ignore all democratic precedence, but would show an utter disregard for the party in Marion county, whose delegation voted for him first, last and all the time at the last state convention. As the Ocala Banner truthfully says, "there is no division in this county over the question of collectorship." There was before the meeting of the committee, a difference of individual opinion as to the merits of different candidates, but that difference was settled when the majority voted for Mr. Carney and the solid democracy of "Old Marion," speaking through its official representatives asked for his appointment.

Jacksonville's Generosity.

In view of the fact that Jacksonville has been the recipient of the generous bounty of so many cities of the country, don't these figures of Jacksonville's donation to the sufferers of Gainesville, Ga., freeze you:

H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2 00
Cohen Bros.	2 00
Robert W. Simms.	2 00
Smith & Richardson	2 30
Benedict-Pollak Company	2 00
Nic Ahrend.	2 00
A. G. Hartridge.	1 00
J. Gumbinger.	1 00
R. J. Riles.	2 00
Dick Oldham.	2 50
A. Ritzwoller.	2 00
Fortunately the donations of the following persons and firms give a little warmth and respectability to the gifts.	
Consolidated Grocery Co.	25 00
National Bank.	25 00
Mercantile Ex., Bank.	15 00
Geo. W. Wilson.	10 00
Doty & Stowe Company.	10 00
Ludden-Campbell-Smith Co.	5 00
Stringfellow Bros.	5 00
W. B. Dawson.	5 00
J. I. Munoz.	5 00
Baker & Holmes Co.	5 00
C. W. Bartleson & Co.	5 00

The muzzled Pennsylvania press can never cry out against the plunderers now. The editorial profession are all in their coffins with the lids screwed tightly down.

A SHOWER OF BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS.

Editor Frank Harris who, in his capacity as an editorial writer, has been educating the people of Florida for half a century, has been named as a candidate for state superintendent of schools.—St. Augustine Record.

Some one has made the discovery that Frank Harris would make a capable state school superintendent. Looks like they are determined to have the Ocala editor run for some office.—Palatka Herald.

The Tampa Tribune mentions a rumor to the effect that Frank Harris, of Ocala, will be candidate for state superintendent of public instruction. Frank would make a much better superintendent than governor, and his many friends would be glad of the opportunity to vote for him for that office.—Pensacola Press.

FRANK HARRIS.

It is now sincerely hoped by a large number of the friends of education in the state that Hon. Frank Harris of Ocala will at the proper time permit the use of his name as a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

All his life Mr. Harris has been a zealous advocate of progress along educational lines, and his work in this direction has been marked by the results of successful endeavor.

From a party standpoint the democracy of Florida owes much to this man and the time seems ripe for the payment of the obligations.—Gainesville Sun.

NO TEARS—NO FLOWERS.

Tampa Tribune.

There will be but few tears shed for the present legislature when it disappears into the cold and clammy tomb of public oblivion at noon to-day.

It has pretended more and done less than any body which has ever drawn a per diem from the state treasury.

It has contained fewer able men and more incompetents than any of its predecessors.

It has made it possible for the world to say: "The state of Florida does not pay its debts."

It has shown an utter disregard for the higher and better interests of Florida, and has squandered the public's time in senseless rag-chewing over inconsiderable trifles.

Whenever it has had an opportunity to do something of incalculable good for the state and its people, it has been found wanting.

It has served to introduce to the state a coterie of pin-feathered would-be "reformers" who entered the capital with the firm belief that they were great men, and that they were called upon to save the state from Quixotic evils that have never existed save in their soporific imaginations.

The few really able men of the body have been powerless to accomplish the things that were necessary to the up-building and progress of the state.

They tried hard but were checked by a blatant and thick-skulled majority.

The action of the body on the Wailes claim and its non-action on the St. Louis appropriation are the tests by which its competency and intelligence must be gauged.

Needless to say, it shows up as an impotent nonentity.

For its decease, there are no tears. On its grave there are no flowers.

Let us pray that Florida will never look upon its like again.

Hon. Geo. W. Wilson.

In making a note of the appointment of the trustees for the University of Florida we unintentionally omitted the name of Hon. George W. Wilson. For the past four years Mr. Wilson has been president of the the board of trustees and one of its most zealous and active members and the recent splendid donations to the college were largely through his efforts and influence.

Messrs. Frank Simonton and F. L. Springer, the new members, are young men, one a graduate of the college, and we believe the institution will be strengthened by their appointment.

POLITICAL CHIPS

FROM THE STATE PRESS.

FRANK ADAM'S BURDEN.

The Lake City Reporter is making life a burden for Frank Adams.—Tampa Tribune.

LIKE LIKES LIKE.

The Palmer and Buckner forces are coquetting with G. Cleveland in dead earnest. "Like likes like," you know.—Apalachicola Times.

GLAD ITS OVER.

The legislature will snuff itself out Friday, and very few except the boarding house keepers in Tallahassee will be sorry.—Pensacola Journal.

JEFF ALL RIGHT.

Gross insinuations will never tear down Jeff Browne from the high esteem in which he is held by the masses. Jeff has his faults, but he is not so bad as some would like us to believe.—Palatka Herald.

SOMETHING DOING.

If the Hon. Frank Clark does take to the stump, there'll surely be something doing in Florida during the campaign which is now about to burst over the heads of the defenseless people.—Times-Union.

NO GODLINESS WITHOUT CLEANLINESS.

Citizens wanted warrants for the proprietors of Sunday bath houses in Pensacola, but the J. P. refused to issue them on the ground that Pensacolians should wash once a week.—Apalachicola Times.

WILL CONSOLIDATE ON LIDDON.

The Starke Telegraph intimates that all of the various boomlets for the governorship have gone into retirement except one, and that "the political forces opposed to Congressman R. W. Davis" will consolidate upon Hon. B. S. Liddon of Jackson.—Pensacola Press.

JUST A LITTLE COLOR BLIND.

The Savannah Press says that Florida mobs must believe in the elevation of the races, as "they hang whites and blacks on the same limb." Not at all; only a little color blind in moments of mental preoccupation.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

A FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE.

Railroad Commissioner Burr is being prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor. He has shown by his official acts as commissioner that he is a friend of the people, and if he enters the race will make it mighty interesting for candidate Davis.—Live Oak Democrat.

NOT A BACK NUMBER.

Speaking of Wilk Call being a back number, that is a mistake. No man can be called a back number who is slick enough to work J. P. Morgan to the extent of \$50,000, and that is what your "Uncle Wilk" has done.—Madison New Enterprise.

AFTER BOB COMES CROMWELL.

Whether Jacksonville gets the new charter or not, the prestige of Speaker Gibbons will be increased by the fact that his bill will be the one that passed the house. After Robert W. Davis serves one term as governor, look out for Cromwell Gibbons.—St. Augustine Record.

DIDN'T STICK TO THEIR PLEDGES.

Before the last election nearly every candidate for legislative honors spoke in advocacy of good roads. And yet the legislature has in every way endeavored to discourage the promoters of better highways. Strange isn't it?—Palatka Herald.

FOR JEFF.

The attacks that are being made on Chairman Browne of the railroad commission are vicious and dishonest, the aim being to cripple the commission. The mudslingers can take notice that Jeff Browne's every public act will stand unspotted in the white light of truth. You can't kill a good man with lies.—Bronson Times-Democrat.

SOUTH FLORIDA FOR STOCKTON.

Politics is a "hot member" down in South Florida. While in that section a few days ago we heard more politics than we have heard here in

Jim Dumps' young wife while yet a bride
Some biscuits made with greatest pride.
Jim looked with fear upon the food,
But to a bride one can't be rude.
"Let's eat 'Force' first, dear, 'tis my whim,"
It saved the life of "Sunny Jim."

"Force"

The Ready-to-Serve Cereal

when in doubt,
eat it.

All "Sunny Jims" Now.
"In our household 'Force' is as familiar and welcome as 'Sunny Jim,' and that's saying a good deal, for we are all 'Sunny Jims' now."
"R. L. STONE."

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FARMERS INSTITUTE COLUMN.

Hon. A. P. Baskin, Editor.

In accepting the position accorded me by the Farmers' Institute as editor of our column in the Ocala Banner to be devoted to the interest of the agricultural classes of our county, I do so knowing probably that my opinions will not harmonize with those whose idea is to be radical.

Some think that the Institute is based upon similar needs as that of the Alliance, which was in my opinion, a movement that would, if carried to full fruition, be of untold benefit to that class of people whose fate has always been to bear the burdens of the whole world. That at least is the supposition. That magnificent organization was doomed in its infancy; some say by treacherous leaders, others give one cause, some another, but the great mass of those whose interest it was to oppose it said it was "politics," and this class so deluded a great many of its members, as to learn them to believe that nothing else worked its destruction but politics; while many thought the day that Bob Davis—"Our Bob"—married it to the democratic party, disintegration began, while others thought that the day A. P. Baskin joined the people's party that mortification set in, and there was nothing left. I give this as a resume of the happenings of the past. The Alliance made its mistake. The Farmers' Institute will in all probability do the same.

The Alliance fought and estranged the merchant—a deplorable mistake. He should have been our friend as well as every other class. I take no stock in any fight against the merchant, knowing full well that his fight for existence is as hard upon the average as that of the farmer.

Neither do I take any stock in the opinion of the 24th editor of newspapers who set themselves up as the God inspired mouth piece, whose business it is to teach the farmer to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, and at the same time advise the farmer to stick to his work and keep out of politics, while he yells it out week after week.

I would say to the farmers, use improved machinery and make your work lighter and expenses less, and when the time comes go into politics and go into it with a vim and try to get in the executive chairs and legislative departments of government both state and national a few farmers at least.

I yet think that we have a few conservative men in our ranks who could be trusted. While I speak I have nothing to say against any other class or profession. I simply contend that the farmers are entitled to it and should demand it. I speak only in this particular of the legislative and executive departments.

I wish to say to the members of the Institute I shall not be afraid to speak out in meetings at all times and give this for what it is worth. In my next I shall probably give you my ideas of what we can do on the farm to lighten our burdens, and while upon the subject shall not forget to say to you what might be done to also make the work of your wives and daughters.

months. The senatorial race appeared to be the all absorbing topic, and if one can judge by the general expression, this far in advance of the primary, John N. C. Stockton will array that section of the state.—Live Oak Democrat.

JEFF'S VINDICATION.

It will be very gratifying to the friends of Hon. J. B. Browne, of Key West, chairman of the State Railroad Commission, to know that after all the hue and cry raised by his political enemies in regard to accepting a fee as an attorney in the sale of a lot for an armory in Key West to the state, that he did no wrong, and this fact was arrived at after thorough investigation made by the Attorney General and legislative committee. Both declare that no law in the transaction had been violated, and that Mr. Browne's action was right and proper.—Metropolis.

ENTITLED TO EVERY PENNY.

The "Wailes Claim," seems to be a mightily mixed up affair. The bill which passed the senate appropriated something more than \$77,000—about one half of what the gentleman claimed—for the payment of the claim, but when the house got the matter up a substitute appropriating only \$25,000 was passed. To this writer it looks like that if the gentleman is entitled to anything at all he should receive every cent which his contract with the state called for, and the payment of less can but result in placing a stigma upon the state which it will be hard to overcome.—Madison New Enterprise.

BOUQUET FOR TALIAFERRO.

While the state press is striving to mould public opinion as to the perfectness and imperfection of political aspirants, we have yet to find a single instance that comes in the bounds of reason that has been brought to bear that Hon. Jas. P. Taliaferro is not the right man to represent us in the United States Senate. Mr. Taliaferro is Florida's business senator; he has with his earnestness to make an enviable record gone down deep in the channel of research of national legislation and brought forth pearls of great price. The many appropriations that Florida today enjoys were either secured directly or aided by Mr. Taliaferro. Since his first installation in office his chief and particular aim has been to foster our greatest interests. That Indian war claim that lay dormant for so many years under an avalanche of public documents was brought to light by Mr. Taliaferro and his colleagues, and the matter promptly acted upon by congress. Mr. Taliaferro is a painstaking gentleman, fully alive to the people's interests, and to fall or neglect to return him to Washington would be an injustice to our common interests. He is by no means a politician in harness, or a man who is able to control the wires of a political caucus or convention, but when the whole people have a voice in the matter, the ballots in his favor will fall in the box so fast that his election will be sure.—Lakeland Sun.